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## INFORMATION REPORT

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Military Information

1. The command of the Sofia military garrison is located on Patriarkh Eftimi Boulevard in a barracks formerly occupied by the former 6 Infantry Regiment. These barracks were heavily damaged by aerial bombing during World War II.
2. An unidentified field artillery regiment is located in new barracks in the south-east outskirts of Sofia, exactly seven kilometers from the city on the road to Dürvenitsa (N 42-39, E 23-22). Prior to World War II, this regiment was located in the artillery barracks on Vladimir Zaymov (former Viktor Emanuel III) Boulevard; these barracks were completely destroyed during the war and the area has been transformed into a park.
3. An unidentified military unit is lodged in the monastery at Krenikovtsi (N 42-47, E 23-30), about 20 kilometers east of Sofia.
4. An unidentified military unit is lodged in the nuns' monastery at Bukhovo (N 42-46, E 23-34), which is a uranium mining area.
5. An unidentified armored unit is located at Samokov (N 42-20, E 23-34). 25X1  
tanks belonging to this unit participated in the 1 May parade in Sofia.
6. Antiaircraft artillery positions 25X1  
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been set up around the city of Sofia. One of these positions, for one battery, is located in the vicinity of the sugar factory in the Nadezhda Quarter of the city.
7. For two weeks in June 1953, the air raid alarms in Sofia were tested. The people continued their usual activities without interruption during the testing.
8. An air raid shelter was being constructed in the northern slope of Kamutsi Mountain near Boyana (N 42-39, E 23-16) in the summer of 1952. It will be very

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large and will have one or more entrances large enough to accommodate motor vehicles. This shelter will probably be used by Bulgarian government officials in case of emergency; it is noted that Vulko Chervenkov lives in Boyana.

9. A large group of barracks is under construction in the southeast outskirts of Sofia, seven kilometers from the city on the road to Durvenitsa. As of June 1953, about 15 buildings had been constructed. They are identical, about two or three stories high. Some are occupied by the field artillery regiment mentioned in paragraph 2 above. [redacted] the 15 buildings are being completed and other smaller sheds for the various services of the garrison are under construction. Two or three hundred Trudovaks and prisoners are carrying out the construction work. 25X1

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#### Soviet Military Forces in Bulgaria

11. [redacted] there are no Soviet military units in Bulgaria. It is well known, however, that Soviet officers wearing Bulgarian uniforms are attached to Bulgarian commands and units. 25X1

#### New Airfield Near Sofia

12. A military airfield of recent construction is located about 10 kilometers south-east of Sofia, in the vicinity of Gorublyane (N 42-38, E 23-24). The field was put into use in 1952 and was in the final stages of construction in June 1953. It has runways (number, direction, and characteristics unknown) and is for the exclusive use of the Bulgarian Air Force.

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